



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, November 10, 2014, 6:00 PM Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson, Sr.
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, AC English
Councilman, Benton Blakely
County Administrator, David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Bobby Baker, The Manning Times and Jim Hilley, The Item

Others in attendance included:

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| Charlotte Johnston | Tony Junious | Cindy Riser |
| John Truluck | Emily Luther | Maria Rose |
| And other Citizens of Clarendon County | | |

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilman Richardson led the invocation asking everyone to remember the family of Investigator Holmes Smith who passed away on November 5, 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for an approval of the agenda.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the regular council meeting agenda for November 10, 2014.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting, which was held on October 13, 2014 with minor corrections and the Special Called Meeting, which was held on October 21, 2014.

III. Presentation – Ansley Durant

Ms. Durant, Event Administrator for the Weldon Auditorium, presented Council with the 2015 season schedule. She stated that the 282nd Army Band would be performing at the Weldon on December 15th at 7 pm. Ms. Durant continued by stating that this is a free concert but everyone is required to have a ticket.

Ms. Durant further stated the following:

- February 5, 2015 -Travis Tritt will be in concert and the tickets are \$35 to \$49
- February 21, 2015 - The Play "Mountaintop" tickets will be \$15 to \$20.
- March 20, 2015, the Hoppers will be performing and the tickets will be \$15 to \$25.
- April 11, 2015, the Weldon Auditorium would be hosting the Clarendon Gospel Festival at 7 pm and the tickets are \$15 each.

Chairman Stewart thanked Ms. Durant for her presentation.

IV. Ordinance 2014-03

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2014-03, an Ordinance to update the Clarendon County Unified Development Codes (UDC).

V. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2014-05

Chairman Stewart opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2014-05, at 6:13 pm, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of not exceeding, in the Aggregate, \$650,000 in General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, to be used to fund one or more Capital Projects, including the Purchase of Fire Protection Vehicle and related equipment; Authorizing the County Administrator to prescribe the forms and details of the Bonds; Providing for the payment of the Bonds and the disposition of the proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for borrowing in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds; Providing for the acceptance of Grant related to the Capital Projects related to the Bonds; and other related matters.

Chairman Stewart stated that if there were no comments, the public hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:14 pm

X. Ordinance 2014-05

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-05, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of not exceeding, in the Aggregate, \$650,000 in General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, to be used to fund one or more Capital Projects, including the Purchase of Fire Protection Vehicle and related equipment; Authorizing the County Administrator to prescribe the forms and details of the Bonds; Providing for the payment of the Bonds and the disposition of the proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for borrowing in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds; Providing for the acceptance of Grant related to the Capital Projects related to the Bonds; and other related matters.

XIII. Financial Report

Administrator Epperson began the financial report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$6,362,218 year-to-date and Revenue figures were not available. He continued by stating that the Landfill Area Cost was up because of E-Waste Disposal.

Administrator Epperson further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$236,344 and Operating Expenses of \$184,687 as of October 31, 2014. He stated that after depreciation and interest expense, the Water and Sewer Department had a Net Utility profit of \$1,700.

Administrator Epperson continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium had Total Revenue of \$4,370 and Total Expenses of \$44,261. He further stated that after transfers of \$39,891, the Weldon had a 0 balance.

Administrator Epperson concluded the financial report by stating that the C-Fund had a cash balance of \$1,051,479 of which \$1,239,085 was committed as of September 2014. He further stated that all departments are doing well.

XIV. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the Renovation of the Courthouse is ongoing. He stated that the truss work has been completed.

He continued by giving Council an update on the following:

The DSS Building:

- The Biding Process is moving along

- Bids would be in by the first of the year.
- The construction to begin in the Summer

Other Projects:

- E-Waste has been removed at the sites
- Waste Management will have a new process for picking up E-Waste
- We will reduce the number of sites to drop off E-Waste to 6
- The number of days to drop off E-Waste would be reduced to quarterly or 2 times per year.
- We received a Grant from Parks and Recreation in Columbia to upgrade the bathrooms at the Recreation ball field.
- We will be replacing part of the fence at the County Ball field.

Water Projects:

- Phase 1B –Has been approved by USDA
- Phase 1C – We are waiting on the permit from USDA
- Phase II – We are waiting on the letter of conditions from USDA

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by stating that Mr. Matt Evans, Clarendon County Treasurer, is the state representative for the Governmental Financial Officer Association of South Carolina.

VIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he was able to download audio and E-books from the County Library thanks to Ms. Charlotte Johnston, Librarian.

IX. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The Executive Session began at 6:38 pm.

X. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:24 pm.

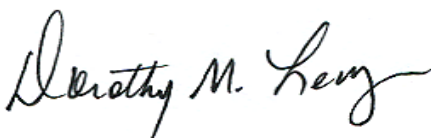
Chairman Stewart stated that no action would be taken

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 7.25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

